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For: FLUID OPERATED RETRACTORS

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[] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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